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Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documentation)

Letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c).

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Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.41(c), I am filing the attached application, including 12 claims (8 independent), 9 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-9) and the filing fee of \$1,160.00 on behalf of

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